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SUBJECT: HONG KONG EVACUATION FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON DURING JULY

REF: HONG KONG 7449

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. CATHAY PACIFIC FLEW THREE EVACUATION FLIGHTS FROM SAIGON TO HONG KONG IN JULY. THE FLIGHTS WHICH OCCURRED ON JULY 6, 13 AND 27 CARRIED A TOTAL OF 489 PASSENGERS, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF HONG KONG "BELONGERS" AND THEIR DEPENDENTS WHO HAVE ARRIVED ON THESE SPECIAL FLIGHTS SINCE DECEMBER TO 1928. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PLANS TO HAVE A FLIGHT ON EACH OF THE FIVE WEDNESDAYS OF AUGUST WHICH SHOULD COMPLETE THE EVACUATION OF THE REMAINING 900 PERSONS IN SAIGON HOLDING HK ENTRY VISAS. HK IMMIGRATION ESTIMATES THEY HAVE 10,000 HK VISAS APPLICATIONS PENDING OF WHICH THEY EXPECT TO APPROVE ANOTHER 2,000.

3. A HK IMMIGRATION OFFICER COMMENTED TO CONGENOFF
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THAT THE VIETNAMESE NOW APPEAR VERY ANXIOUS TO COMPLETE THE OPERATION QUICKLY AND SEEM TO BE INTERESTED IN LETTING OUT AS MANY "FOREIGN CONNECTED PERSONS" AS POSSIBLE. THE PROCESSING OF SRV EXIT PERMITS FOR HK BOUND PASSENGERS HAS BEEN STEPPED UP AND THE VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS WERE DISAPPOINTED WHEN THE HKG DID NOT RUN A FLIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 20.

VIETNAMESE, HOWEVER, ARE STILL SENSITIVE ABOUT
PROCEDURES AND ONE OBJECTION WAS CONVEYED ABOUT THE
HONG KONG USE OF CS/US (CHINA SECTION/UNLIMITED STAY)
ON THE HK VISAS. THE VIETNAMESE ASKED IF SOME CODE
OTHER THAN US COULD BE USED. SRV OFFICIALS ALSO LET
IT BE KNOWN THAT IN SENDING HK IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ON
THE FLIGHTS, NO WOMEN OFFICERS SHOULD BE SENT.
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